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Two Advance Skills Training Airmen test the new Air Force uniforms during a firing exercise. Airmen at Hurlburt Field are putting the uniform through its paces as the AF considers changing the design. See Page 12 for full story.

Navigator named DOD finalist for Tuskegee Airmen Award

By Jamie Haig Public Affairs

An 8th Special Operations Squadron navigator is one of five finalists for the Captain Robert W. Williams Military Award.

"Being named the AFSOC finalist was really humbling," said Capt. Mary Carnes, who is stationed at Duke Field. "But when I found out that I was one of the DOD finalists, I was honored."

The Captain Robert W. Williams Military award is presented to a company grade officer who has exhibited outstanding performance in professional and community service.

Capt. Mary Carnes will attend the Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated National Convention next week representing the Air Force Special Operations Command. The winner will be announced at the convention.

"She's the senior executive officer to the squadron commander," said Lt. Col. Paul Caltagirone, 8th SOS director of operations. "She's the single point of contact on everything going in and out of the squadron."

In four years in the Air Force, she's acheived many goals.

Captain Carnes deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom, accumulating more than 100 combat hours, delivering 169 tons of cargo, 240 personnel and conducting 16 air drops.

"Being the only female flyer in the squadron, my first deployment was an eye-opening experience," said Captain Carnes. "But, we're like a family. I'm treated like everyone else. It's an awesome squadron."

Her co-workers don't hesitate to get in a plane with her.

"She's great to fly with, gender is irrelevant, and she is just one of the crew," said Colonel Caltagirone. "She's able to re-plan on the fly and keeps a cool head. No allowances are expect-



Capt. Mary Carnes

ed, and none are given. She's a professional, through and through."

Some of her accomplishments include being one of AFSOC's 10 Outstanding

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fund adds flexibility

By 1st Lt. Nathan Broshear 505th CCW Public Affairs

I like cruise control...especially on long, boring roads. Given my taste for the finer things in life, I read the Thrift Savings Plan Board's plan to open "L" funds, or Lifecycle funds, with a broad smile.

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She delivered and tested \$7 million of new generation mission equipment and trained aircrew on how to utilize the equipment, revolutionizing the unit's combat ability.

(Editor's Note: For more information on how to submit an Airman, call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-



Soldier portrays American patriotism

By Master Sgt. Frank Dailey AFSOC Inspector General

Recently, I had the honor of sitting with my nephew during one of the most difficult days of his life - his father's funeral.

His father had died unexpectedly, so my nephew came home with his pregnant wife on emergency leave. During the ceremony, he presented his family the flag of a grateful nation for his father's service.

The military had been a part of my nephew's life since he was a child. He saw his father go to war in Operation Desert Storm and return with a Bronze Star. He lived on military installations in Texas, Germany and Georgia. When he was older, he longed to enter the service of his nation and lead men.

We talked about how his father's death had impacted his mother and sister and the options the military afforded him because of this tragic event.

Before I could say another word, he looked me straight in the eye and said, "Uncle Frank, I have an entire platoon of kids that are my responsibility. I have trained them, and they know me. I leave in 10 days for Iraq. If I am substituted on this rotation, I know some of them won't come

"I know you and the family will take care of my mom," he continued. "My wife is safe and has the support she needs. I'll be able to come home to see my baby born in January. I have to go, they're my brothers, and they need me. I'll be alright, and by going, I will ensure my guys are alright, too."

I looked at him with a father's pride and a warrior's heart. My nephew, 25, an NCO and a leader, is what makes our nation great.

Oftentimes, we don't think about what we would do if we were in such a difficult position, but remember integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do.

DUI Tracker

Aug. 5-11 0 DUIs This year: 19 DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron, Aug. 2

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...21 16th MXG...10

16th MSG...41 16th MDG...226

Individual groups get a down day for 60 consecutive days without a DUI. Totals are current as of Aug. 11.

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NCO steals nearly \$12,000 from AF

By Master Sgt. Camp Public Affairs

An NCO was convicted here Aug. 5 for pocketing nearly \$12,000 in unauthorized housing and family separation payments and making false official statements.

At the conclusion of a twoday trial, a six-officer panel sentenced Staff Sgt. Damien Moya to four months confinement, reduction in rank to airman first class and a bad conduct discharge.

Sergeant Moya, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron, pleaded guilty to two charges – larceny and making false official statements. Both charges stem from actions the supply journeyman took as an airman in 2002 and 2003. During the court-martial, military judge Lt. Col. Donald Plude asked Sergeant Moya specific questions aimed to confirm his actions. At one point, Colonel Plude asked, "Did you know what you were doing?"

Sergeant Moya replied, "Yes, sir."

The panel of six – ranging in rank from second lieutenant to lieutenant colonel – were called in to sentence Sergeant Moya.

Before the panel deliberated, Capt. James Reed, 16th Special Operations Wing assistant judge advocate general, characterized Sergeant Moya as a person who victimized the U.S. government. Reed also asked the panel for a sentence of 18 months con-

finement, reduction in rank to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge.

Representing Sergeant Moya was Capt. Timothy Cox, an area defense counsel from Langley Air Force Base, Va.

"He was a young man who made a mistake," Captain Cox said to the panel. He explained that Sergeant Moya used the money to pay \$300 a month in child support.

Captain Cox asked the panel to consider Sergeant Moya's last six months, where he worked in the 4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit supervising five Airmen in the supply support section. Then the defense lawyer asked the officers to consider the impact a severe punishment would

have on his new wife and two children.

The panel deliberated for almost two hours. The maximum punishment Sergeant Moya could have received was 40 years confinement, reduction in rank to airman basic, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a dishonorable discharge.

According to documents submitted in the court-martial, Moya was accused of illegally applying for and accepting with-dependent rate Basic Allowance for Housing while he was stationed at Osan Air Base, Korea. Twice during his tour in Korea, Sergeant Moya updated his emergency data card with information that he was married.

During the trial, he admitted under oath that he was divorced about two months prior to his arrival in Korea and did not have custody of his child, but he submitted requests for with-dependent rate BAH and family separation allowance.

Based on those requests, the NCO received an additional \$11,010.

"I knew it was wrong. My intent was to deprive the Air Force of the money," Sergeant Moya said during the trial.

More documents showed that later in 2003, Sergeant Moya deployed to a classified location where he, again, applied for family separation allowance even though he wasn't entitled. He was paid \$875.

More than 80 Hurlburt Airmen on retraining list

By Airman 1st Class James Dickens Public Affairs

Approximately 1,100 Air Force NCOs, E-5 through E-8, are targeted for retraining this year under the NCO Retraining Program.

According to the 16th Mission Support Squadron Personnel Employment Office, 89 Airmen from Hurlburt Field are in the bull's eye for retraining.

NCÓRP is a multi-purpose program designed to rebalance the force by moving NCOs from overmanned career fields to those that are experiencing shortages, Staff Sgt. Andrea Luna, 16th MSS.

Retraining is limited, primarily, to staff and technical sergeants with 16 years or less total active federal military service, said Sergeant Luna.

Airmen in any over-

manned career fields need to visit www.afpc.randolph .af.mil/enlskills/retraining/ retraining.htm to see if they are on the list. If so, they need to visit the Personnel Employment office to sign their notification.

Airmen should keep in mind that, although this is the voluntary phase, if quotas aren't met for the year, Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center will force retrain them into undermanned career fields, said Sergeant Luna.

In addition, any Airman in an over-manned career field may also apply for retraining.

Personnel Employment is encouraging Airmen to apply for special duty assignments as well as any under-manned career fields during the voluntary phase.

For more information, call the Personnel Employment Office at 884-5390.

Air Commandos drop incident rate 48 percent

By Senior Airman Heidi Davis Public Affairs

The incident-related fatility trend for Air Commandos is dropping, despite the rising Air Force rate, which stands at 24 for the 2005 "101 Critical Days of Summer"

"If you tabulate the number of incidents from October 2003 to August 2004 and October 2005," said B.J. Prevett, 16th Special Operations Wing Ground Safety Office, the number of incidents for 2004 was 22 compared to 12 this year. This is a 48-percent reduction from last year."

Off-duty two and four wheel personal motor vehicle (2/4-PMV) accidents, highrisk activities and drinking and driving have been problem areas for the past two or three years, said Mr. Prevett.

"We've had one fatality during 101 Critical Days of Summer this year, and it involved a 4-wheeled PMV," Mr. Prevett said. "The passenger was thrown from her seat because she chose not to wear a safety belt."

According to Mr. Prevett, alcohol is also thought to have played a role in the incident

Mr. Prevett also noted that

because high-risk activities are prevalent across the Air Force, it's best if Airmen learn and understand their limits, and commanders get in touch with their risk takers.

"Airmen need to realize they're not bullet proof," he said. "But, commanders should also get to know Airmen who are involved in high-risk activities and counsel them before participating. Although there's no policy in place restricting Airmen from participating in high-risk activities, it's best if they know the safety issues at stake before jumping in."

Although risk factors vary at deployed locations, Maj. Chuck Mangold, 16th SOW Flight Safety Office, added that safety is an individual action. "Safety boils down to the individual and in what activities they choose to participate."

Major Mangold said that problems for flight safety are different at Hurlburt Field than at many deployed locations, where some conditions are uncontrollable: Airmen are living in tent cities and working out of shelters instead of hangars, taxiways aren't always repaired properly, and language barriers exist between pilots and air traffic control towers.

"There have been zero major flight incidents at Hurlburt Field this year," he said. "However, some of the conditions at deployed locations don't always conform to the normal safety structures at formed Air Force bases. It's not that safety takes a backseat overseas, it's that there are bigger and potentially more lethal issues."

Despite the growing trend of incidents Air Force-wide, Hurlburt Field keeps incidents at a minimum mostly due to the regulations set in place by leadership, said Major Mangold.

"The wing manages a successful Airmen Against Drunk Driving program as well as a motorcycle club for active-duty riders," he said.

"We also have ground, flight and weapons safety already integrated into the majority of Air Force regulations – how security forces store their ammunition and guns or the number of hours in a duty day for flight personnel – safety's woven throughout the wing with Airmen in mind."

"Hurlburt's low incident rate is attributed to senior leadership and unit commanders who are involved with their folks in whatever capacity," Mr. Prevett said.

OPSEC vital, protects Air Commando mission

By Senior Airman Heidi Davis Public Affairs

In a recent base-wide mobility exercise, the 16th Special Operations Wing Information Operations office monitored computers and telephones in order to track base operational security practices.

"During the exercise, OPSEC was considered from the very beginning," said Lt. Col. Paul Carlin, 16th SOW/IO chief. "This was an important approach by the wing because even a minor OPSEC violation can

reveal our intentions and capabilities, eliminate the element of surprise, and increase the risk to lives and the mission."

The IO office emphasizes the need for all Airmen to readily understand the value of Special Operations information, and the enemy's desire and capability to get it.

"There is always room for improvement when it comes to security," Colonel Carlin said. "One of the best methods to improve OPSEC is by increasing awareness."

Colonel Carlin explained that criti-

cal information isn't limited to Secret or Top Secret. When OPSEC is violated, it's usually done in one of two forms – unclassified communications, and activities that can be heard, observed or imaged.

"Unclassified information that's valuable is called 'critical information,'" he said. "It's valuable because our adversaries need it. Treat such information as you would your wallet – although it doesn't always need to be kept in a safe place, you would never leave it unsecured for someone to intercept."



Welcome home

A child runs to hug his dad, an Airman from the 9th Special Operations Squadron, who had just returned to Eglin Air Force Base Aug. 5, following a deployment to Southwest Asia. The 9th SOS, which has been continuously deployed since October 2001, will be fully reconstituted later this month.

Bagram runway reopens after C-17 landing incident

By Capt. Mark Gibson 455th AEW Public Affairs

A C-17 Globemaster III rolled off the runway while landing at Bagram, Afganistan, Aug. 6, damaging its nose and right main landing gears.

As a result, the runway was closed, but quick action and creative thinking by Air Force and Army engineers had the runway fully active again in less than 30 hours.

There were no injuries in the incident. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

When it came to rest, one of the C-17's wings extended over the active runway, so the aircraft had to be moved. However, air oper-

ations continued while the C-17 was moved off the active runway.

Aircraft from here diverted to other airfields and were able to continue combat missions supporting ground forces. Coalition air forces also assisted in ensuring constant airpower was maintained over the battlefield during aircraft recovery operations.

Nevertheless, moving the aircraft proved to be a complicated process, said Col. Donald Jones, 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander, who directed the effort.

The hardest part of the process, he said, was determining a way to lift the nose of the aircraft without

further damaging it.

First the fuel and cargo needed to be removed. The team removed 105,000 pounds of fuel and unloaded 55,000 pounds of cargo, with the remaining gross weight of the aircraft estimated at 300,000 pounds. Because of the tilt of the aircraft, the cargo couldn't be removed by forklift through the cargo door. Next, the team had to replace the C-17's unusable landing gear. Their solution was a flatbed trailer, crane and railroad ties. The aircraft was lifted with the crane, inches at a time, and wood was placed under the nose to support it. The team backed the flatbed tractor trailer under the nose and removed the wood. The team assembled metal airfield matting provided by Army engineers to roll the aircraft onto the runway. The Army engineers also provided two bulldozers and the flatbed to drag the aircraft back onto the runway to a parking ramp.

"Once again, we had great cooperation between the Air Force and Army here," said Army Col. Michael Flanagan, 18th Engineer Brigade and Task Force Sword commander.

"We worked together as a team to get a job done in one night that many people thought would take four days. This is the best cooperative effort between the Air Force and Army that I have seen in my 26-year career."

Brothers in Arms

Iraq

Army – Results from coalition operations in Iraq, conducted between July 30 and Aug. 5, include the removal of 109 improvised explosive devices and 32 caches, the detention of 493 insurgents and the death or capture of 11 foreign fighters.

"The terrorists' command and control will continue to deteriorate as the coalition forces continue to pressure terrorists and disrupt their operations network," said Col. Jessie Farrington, Multinational Corps Iraq chief of operations.

For more information, visit www.army.mil.

CAMP BLUE DIAMOND, Ramadi – Iraqi Security Force soldiers and Marines from Regimental Combat Team-2 discovered two buildings rigged with explosives Aug. 5 in the city of Haqliniyah while conducting cordon and search operations as part of Operation Quick Strike.

While searching for evidence of insurgent activity, Iraqi soldiers and Marines came across two adjacent buildings with wires running between the structures.

The wires were connected to numerous 155mm artillery rounds scattered throughout both buildings. The two buildings were subsequently destroy- ed.

For more information, visit www.usmc.mil.

Afganistan

Mullah Hajji Jalani, former Taliban sub-commander of Paktika Province, has renounced violence against the government of Afghanistan, further fragmenting the Taliban command structure in eastern Afghanistan.

Other Taliban fighters have expressed interest in renouncing violence as well.

"It's a sign the government of this country is making real and measurable progress toward better security and a brighter future," said Brig. Gen. James Champion, deputy commanding general, Combined Joint Task Force 76.

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Young Airman award nominees - Hurlburt Field Company Grade Officer Council; navigator for Virtual Red Flag and physical fitness monitor for the squadron.

Her involvement in the community is wide-spread.

Captain Carnes volunteers at the Waterfront Rescue Mission Inc. and is also a reading mentor to numerous local children. Her time is also spent as the squadron's point of contact for the annual women's history and black history months - along with volunteering for Adopt-A-Highway.

A member of two Relay-for-Life teams, she personally raised more than \$200 for can-

cer research.

"I try to be a good role model. I would like to tell the newer Airmen to take advantage of every opportunity to better yourself and others," Captain Carnes said."I encourage everyone to go above and beyond our call as military personnel and to give back to the community because it's a rewarding experience."

Faith in the Foxhole

Free lunch feeds soul, body; needs squadron support

By Jamie Haig Public Affairs

"A man with no faith is more disabled than a man with no legs," said Lt. Col. Juan Alvarez, 6th Special Operations Squadron commander, Aug. 4 at the "Faith in the Foxhole" luncheon in the Hurlburt Field Chapel.

The first Thursday of each month, the Hurlburt Field chapel holds a free luncheon that feeds the body and the soul.

The program starts out with a prayer, a song by one of our musical Airmen. This month featured Capt. Olivia Nelson, 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs chief singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic" - and the sharing of a story of faith.

Speakers are also needed to share their experiences where their faith helped them as Airmen or during times of extreme stress or combat.

'Did you ever pray for something, whether in desperation or just daily need, and get more than you asked for?" asked the colonel.
Then he told the crowd of more

than 70 people, how his faith got him through what could have been the end of his life and the start of living his life a new way.

"It's a monthly dose of how your neighbors deal with their faith in their jobs and in battle," said Chap. (Capt.) Christian Chae,

"It's а 50-minute break...'

Chap. (Capt.) Christian Chae

16th Special Operations Wing chapel. "It's a 50-minute break from the everyday schedule."

The chapel pays for all the food and necessities needed for the luncheons, asking for squadrons to volunteer to be the host. The squadron would set up, serve and clean up.

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National 'KidsDay' big sucess

5th annual celebration draws 1,500, support from area bases

By Karen DeCarlo 16th SVS

The heavy rains didn't stop more than 1,500 participants from enjoying the National "KidsDay" celebration held Aug. 7 at the Northwest Florida Fairgrounds in Fort Walton Beach.

The event was hosted by the Hurlburt Field Youth Center, in conjunction with the Eglin Air Force Base Youth Center, Boys and Girls Club of Fort Walton, and Emerald Coast Boys and Girls Club.

The free food, beverages and ice cream went fast. Children of different ages also enjoyed the moon bounce, safety and animal exhibits, learning to fly fish, the drum show by Grandfather Drums and Outward Bound, the martial arts exhibition, and various arts and craft projects, including building book shelves and pictures frames with Home Depot representatives.

Also, more than 800 children received free school supplies on a "first come, first served"

This annual event, in its fifth year, added a unique element for 2005 with the Family Child Care Children's Village. The FCC Children's Village, run by Hurlburt and Eglin FCC providers, offered story-telling and arts and crafts for children and featured a recruitment booth for the adults. Jaime Gries, 16th Services Squadron Family Member Programs, said "National Kids Day offers youths and their families an opportunity to enjoy quality time together in a safe, friendly

Thanks to the key hosts who, without their outstanding collaboration and hard work, this event wouldn't be possible."



Photo by Tabitha Johnston

An Airman from the 16th Services Squadron, shows children how to make pencil toppers at the Hurlburt Field Youth Programs booth.

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Sept. 2 – Last day to make purchases with the Government Purchase Card.

Sept. 7 – All resource advisors to submit Air Force Form 4009 to decrease the commitment balance by close of business. Leave unbilled amount in the AF 4009 for Miscellaneous Obligation Reimbursement Document (including recurring service charges that will post in September).

Sept. 9 – All GPC accounts must be reconciled with the RA.

Sept. 23 – Customer Automation Reporting Environment cycle closes. All funds pulled back, and all GPC cards closed emergency purchases handled on a case-by-case basis through finance.

GPC cardholder, budget FY deadlines approaching

By Jamie Haig Public Affairs

Government Purchase Card cardholders and billing officials beware – end-of - year deadlines draw near.

Sept. 2 is the last day to make purchases with the GPC for the majority of cardholders, and Sept. 9 is the last day to reconcile, or balance, all accounts with resource advisors

"The biggest problem we encounter at year end is when cardholders ignore the rules of engagement and misuse their authority as a purchase cardholder," said Maria Fox, 16th Contracting Squadron GPC program coordinator. "Unfortunately, some individuals forget the rules at year-end as they're in a 'use it or loose it' mode.

"Each participant is reminded that the rules governing all purchase card transactions are to be followed even during year end," she said. "When in doubt, talk with your resourse advisor or contact the GPC program office."

The Miscellaneous Obligation Reimbursement Document will advise the 16th CONS of what recurring bills will need to be paid in September.

"For those transactions that are still outstanding (i.e. haven't cleared the bank), a MORD will automatically be set up at year end," said Paula Hull, GPC program office inspector. "So, even if the account is closed out for the year, money will have been set aside to pay the bill."

Between deployments and leave, there can be a lack of communication in some offices.

"It's important that the cardholders and the approving officials have clear communications with their resource advisors," said Ms. Fox. "Do it now if you're not going to be here Sept. 2.

"In order for the year end to run smoothly," she said, "it's important that cardholders and approving officials keep the lines of communication open and flowing with their resource advisors and the GPC program office."

Ms. Fox also asks that the resource advisors provide a list of the accounts to be MORDed to their budget specialists to ensure money is available.

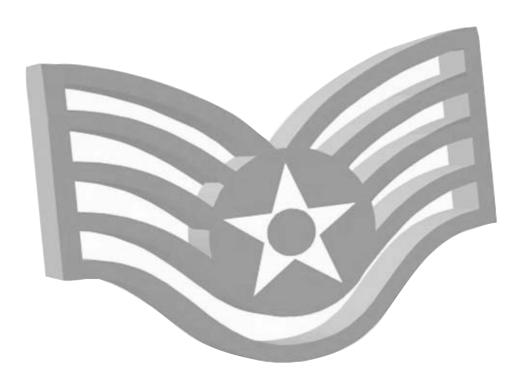
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Hurlburt Field Airmen earn promotion to staff sergeant



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tact for the testing of the new

By Jamie Haig Public Affairs

For the next six months, some Advanced Skills Training and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape students and instructors at Hurlburt Field will be the test subjects for the new Air Force battle dress uniform.

The BDU has changed in style, color and material, and this time, the testing is more demanding.

The students and instruc-

tors were chosen to see how the uniform would stand up to the rigors of field use. The reasoning behind allowing only AST and SERE to test them this time was to create an all-environment uniform for use in combat or the

Fast-roping, low-crawling and firing range scenarios are proving to be tough on the new design.

Master Sgt. Michael Roberts, 16th Medical Operations Squadron, is the Hurlburt Field point of conuniform, and Master Sgt. Paul Smith, 28th Test Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, is the Air Force project test manager. "We just started the six-

month test period," said Sergeant Roberts. "There are three different materials being tested as well as the new design."

The subjects are required to log into a Web site every two weeks to give their opinions of the uniforms, switching between the three different materials over the sixmonth time period.

The wash and wear uniform is already getting a variety of responses after two weeks.

"It's important that we get accurate feedback," said Sergeant Smith. "We want to know if it's going to stand up to what they do day-to-day? We wanted to see what would work for them and what changes need to be made.'

"The fact that we don't have to dry clean or iron these is great," said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Cleek, 720th Special Tactics Group. "I've rolled them up into a ball and shook them out the next day, and there were no wrinkles.

The different types of materials aren't revealed during the testing period, but there are weights and material blends being evaluated. The T-shirts are also in three styles and blends, but test subjects are wearing only one style.

The material is made to wick perspiration away from the body and quickly dry. A concern by several of the test subjects is when wet, it causes a rash where the shirt bunches up or where the rucksack rubs against the

"We did find out right away that the specifications on the test T-shirts weren't what we wanted," said Sergeant Smith. "We've ordered new ones."

Testers will also receive new boots. When the suede gets wet and dries, the boots discolor in several areas.



Proving its field worthiness, AST members wear the new uniform during their regular physical training workout.

The new boots should arrive soon, and testing will continue," said Sergeant Smith.

One common lament among the test subjects concerns pockets.

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Ramos, 720th STG, said, "The pants pockets have small openings making it difficult to reach in and easily retrieve items. They're also so deep that items fall to the bottom and get stuck."

"If you're wearing a dive watch, forget it," said a Capt. Dylan Newman, AST. "Your hand gets stuck halfway. That's not good when you have to get to something quickly.

The blouse pockets are also getting unfavorable reviews.

Another area noted this early in testing is the material's incompatibility to Commandos' 'normal' use.

'There are several operational problems with the new uniform," said Captain Newman. "The seams are tearing in several places, and the knees are ripping out."

The participants who were interviewed felt that the new uniform would work great in a garrison setting, but not on the battlefield.

"The colors don't blend well in some scenarios," said Staff Sgt. David Owens, AST.

According to Sergeants Roberts and Smith, the new uniform is set for use in garrison as is.

Both master sergeants are wear-testing the uniforms;

"I've rolled them up into a ball and shook them out the next day, and there were no wrinkles," - Tech. Sgt. Daniel Cleek

"If you put something in the inside pocket, it bulges out the outside pocket," said Tech. Sgt. Eric Sheldon, 720th STG. "Then, put something in the opposite outside pocket, and it sticks out. It's not convenient, and it looks bad."

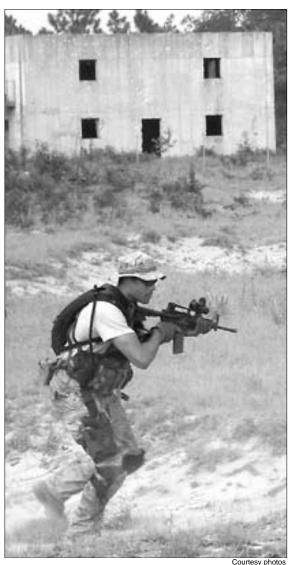
Capt. Bradley Armstrong, 720th STG, suggested they put pockets on the sleeves.

They would be easily accessible and useful, whether in body armor or in the office," he said.

they like the new changes. Sergeant Roberts was fortunate enough to have tested the original design as well.

"There were problems with the first BDU redesign that were corrected with this version," said Sergeant Roberts. "This one fits and wears well."

Sergeant Smith said the Air Force will evaluate tester's concerns after three months, modify the uniform, and return it to the subjects for continued testing.



Field durability is one of the critical tests of the new battle

dress uniform. An AST member performs field maneuvers.

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Don't feed any alligators

By Amy Oliver Public Affairs

A 7-foot alligator was removed from a drainage ditch near the Deployment Control Center here and destroyed earlier this summer because it became aggressive toward humans.

Alligators are naturally afraid of humans and will quickly move away and submerge in water if someone gets too close.

However, if people feed them, they lose this natural fear and begin to associate humans with a food source, creating a dangerous situation.

Philip Pruitt, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron and Hurlburt's natural resources manager, monitors the wildlife situations on base and facilitates corrective actions by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, if needed.

"When I approached the ditch bank where this gator resided," said Mr. Pruitt, " it slid into the water on the opposite bank, swam across the ditch toward me, then actually climbed out of the water and pursued me up the hill, all the while hissing, mouth hanging open,"

Hurlburt Field is surrounded on three sides by the East Bay Swamp, much of which is accessible only by boat. Consequently, this provides a perfect habitat for the American alligator. Most ponds and ditches on base contain a resident alligator, the network of streams within the East Bay Swamp allows them an easy means of travel.

"For the most part, we coexist well. But, when people start feeding a gator, they're sealing its fate," said Mr. Pruitt.

According to state law, any nuisance alligator more than 4-feet long can't be removed—it must be destroyed.

In addition to creating a dangerous situation, feeding an alligator is a second-degree misdemeanor, punishable by six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

So, if you're out on your morning jog along RED HORSE Road or about to tee off on the eighth hole at the Gator Lakes Golf Course, and you happen to see one of these resident alligators, enjoy the experience from a safe distance, and feel free to take photographs.

But, just don't feed the alligator. To report a nuisance alligator, call Mr. Pruitt at 884-4651 during duty hours. After duty hours, call Pest Management at 884-6173.



Photograph, but don't feed the alligators on base.

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Alligators are often seen in the ditch waters near the back gate and the golf course at Hurlburt Field.

Do Something Good For Tomorrow

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Military USAFSOS courses

The U.S. Air Force Special Operations School will conduct a Cross Cultural Communications Course Monday through Aug. 19. This course is designed for people preparing to live or deploy overseas, who work with international military members, and people with a professional or analytical interest in international studies. For more information, call Capt. Apryl Cymbal at 884-4472 or Joyce Weber at 884-4731 or visit www. hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunit/

Also, the USAFSOS will conduct a Commanders Responsibility Course, Force Protection level three, Tuesday through Thursday for field grade officers, and senior NCOs and civilians who serve as ATOs in support of commanders. The course is designed to educate commanders and support staff in their responsibilities for force protection in garrison and deployed environments. For more information, call Capt. Andrew Wheeler at 884-5757.

Community

Officer training corps

The next boards for the Airman Scholarship and Commissioning Program, Scholarship for Outstanding Airman to Reserve Officers' Training Corps and Professional Officer Course are scheduled for Oct. 15. For more information and applications, visit www.afoats.af.mil/AFROTC/ EnlistedCommissioning/Default.htm or call the education office at 884-6724.

Overnight tour

The information, tickets and travel office is kicking off football season with an overnight tour Sept. 17-18 to New Orleans for the New Orleans Saints versus the New York Giants game. The tour includes roundtrip bus transportation, a lower-level end zone game ticket and one-night stay at the Holiday Inn Superdome. Rates are \$233 per person/single occupancy; \$180 per person/double occupancy. The sign-up deadline is Aug. 19. For more information, call 884-6795/5699.

Medal exchange

Commanders' support staffs are asked to forward a consolidated listings of those personnel who don't want to exchange their Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal or Campaign Medal to 16MSS/DPECA@hurlburt.af.mil no later than Aug. 22. Members retiring or separating before mid-September



should take their completed Air Force Form 104 to the awards and decorations office (Building 90210, Room 143) to ensure their decorations reflect accurately.

Free childcare

The next "Give Parents a Break" program is scheduled for 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday. Free childcare is provided for eligible families with children, ages 6 months to 12 years old. For more information, call Trisha Barrett at 884-4300.

Clinic closures

The 16th Medical Group will close at 11 a.m. Wednesday for training and will reopen Thursday at the normal duty time.

SGLI upgrades

Service members' Group Life Insurance coverage will be automatically increased to \$400,000 Sept. 1. Look for more information in the Aug. 19 issue of the Commando.

Airman's Attic

The Hurlburt Field Airman's Attic offers young Airmen furniture and household items to use permanently. The building, which is run by the Hurlburt Spouses Club, was relocated last month to its new location across from J.R. Rockers and next to the behavioral health building.

HSC luncheon

The Hurlburt Spouses Club will hold its monthly luncheon at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Soundside club. The HSC will provide a complimentary champagne buffet for the annual membership drive. Childcare costs \$3 per hour, per child For reservations, call Karin Heaton at 515-0371.

Waste disposal

For all agencies conducting business on Hurlburt Field, disposal of all universal waste must be coordinated through the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight. Universal waste includes mercury

Back to school

An Airman from the 16th **Logistics Readiness** Squadron, waits with daughter, Jaymie, as wife, Cathy wipes the face of son, John, at the Bakke Street bus stop Aug. 4. As children head back to school, drive carefully through housing areas, as children will be crossing roads to load school busses.

vapor lamps, batteries, mercury-containing devices and pesticides. For specific disposal information, call the environmental flight at 884-4651.

EOSC luncheon

The 2005/2006 year is starting up for the Eglin Officers Spouses Club at Eglin Air Force Base. Come see what the EOSC has to offer and enjoy a free continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the O'club. For reservations, call Éileen Workman at 314-9755 or e-mail workmancrew@earthlink.

Volunteer FSC opportunities

The family support center has many volunteer opportunities available through its volunteer resource program office. Some opportunities include the Loan Closet, Airman's Attic and Meals on Wheels. For more information, call 884-1533.

Heritage month

Volunteers are needed to help organize events for Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. The Hispanic Heritage Month committee meets at noon every Tuesday in the military equal opportunity conference room. For more information, call Capt. A.J. Lugo at 884-2703.

Classes **HAWC** classes

The following classes are available at the health and wellness center:

Running Shoe Clinic - 1 p.m., Monday

Healthy Heart – 1 p.m., Tuesday Senior Fitness - 8:30 a.m., Wednesday

FSC classes

The following classes are available at the family support center:

Moms, Pops & Tots - 10 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday

Flying Solo - 6 p.m., Tuesday

At the movies



Prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 6 years old and up. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

Hurlburt Field - 884-7648

Friday - War of the Worlds (PG-13), Ray is a working class man living in New Jersey. He's estranged from his family, his life isn't in order, and he's too caught up with himself. But the unthinkable and, ultimately, the unexpected happens to him in an extraordinary sense.

His small town life is shaken violently by the arrival of destructive introduce. Martin su which have come anywave.

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4 and 7 p.m. Saturday – Herbie: Fully Loaded (G),
Maggie, the new owner of Number 53 – the free-wheelin'
Volkswagen bug with a mind of its own – puts the car
through its paces on the road to becoming a NASCAR competitor. Herbie's got some new tricks under his hood.

Sunday – Bewitched (FG-13), When Jack accidentally
runs into Isabel, he becomes convinced she could play the
witch Samathai ni his new I'V series. Isabel is also taken
with Jack, seeing him as the quintersential mortal man with
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whom she can settle down and lead the normal life she so desires. It turns out they're both right--but in ways neither of them ever imagined. Rated PG-13

Eglin - 882-1066

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Friday and Sunday – Dark Water (PG-13), Dahlia is starting a new life; newly separated with a new job and a new apartment, she's determined to put her relationship with her estranged husband behind her and devote herself to raising her daughter. But when the strained separation disintegrates into a bitter custody battle, her situation takes a turn for the worse. Her new apartment – dilapidated, cramped, and worn – seems to take on a life of its own. Mysterious noises, persistent leaks of dark water, and strange happenings cause her imagination to run wild, leaving her to wonder who is behind the endless mind games.

games.

Saturday – Rebound (PG), Robinson Coach Roy once Saturday – Rebound (PG), Robinson Coach Roy once was college basketball's top mastermind. But lately his attentions have been on his next endorsements, not on his next game. What's more, Roy's temper has run amuck, leading to his being banned from college ball until he can demonstrate compliance – in other words, not explode every time he walks onto the court. Roy waits and waits; for a suitable coaching offer, but he receives only one: the Mount Vernon Junior High School Smelters basketball souad.

squad.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

Base chapel



Catholic Mass Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m. Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday Religious Education: Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship) 11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship) Religious Education: August – May Youth and Singles groups available Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m. For more information, call 884-7795.



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Airman Against Drunk Driving For a free, confidential ride home, call AADD at 884-8844.

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Commando Pride:

Desktop computers must stay compliant, keeps networks safe, AFI 33-115V

According to Air Force Instruction 33-115V, Network Operations, the Network Control Center is required to ensure all systems are compliant with Time Compliant vulnerable to attacks (non-Network Order require-

ments. AFI 33-138, Enterprise Network Operations Notification and Tracking, requires risk mitigation be taken to workstations that are compliant with TCNOs). In

an effort to mitigate risk to the overall network, noncompliant workstations can be isolated and removed from the network until they're compliant.

Log-on notifications will be used to enforce TCNOs and advise users of vulnerabilities.

These notifications will direct users to contact their work group managers to correct security vulnerability. Users will still be able to access the system until the TCNO compliance date.

Non-compliant systems will then be isolated from the network. Users can still logon to other machines within their organization.

Additionally, all personnel should log off at the end of each duty day, but leave the workstation powered up.

At least once per week, users are required to completely reboot their system to allow automated network updates to workstations to prevent them from becoming noncompliant with TCNOs.

Workstations not manually rebooted within the last seven days will be rebooted automatically by our network management system after a pop-up warning.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Kowis at 884-7674.

Week in History

The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:

Aug. 7, 1959 – Two F-100Fs made the first jet fighter flight over the North Pole.

Aug. 8, 1910 – The first tricycle landing gear was installed on the Army Wright plane.

Aug. 9, 1945 – The second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan by the B-29 "Bockscar."

Aug. 10, 1912 - Two Army aircraft participated, for the first time, in ground force maneuvers

Aug. 11, 1950 - Fairchild XC-120,



B-29 'Bockscar

a detachable fuselage transport, completed its first flight.

Aug. 12, 1908 – The first official airship test flights were made at Fort Meyer, Va.

Aug. 13, 1952 - The Air Force announced that it had ordered the B-52 bomber into full production.

Look who's new in pink, blue...

Caroline Aiko Mobley was born July 13 to Capt. Jason Mobley and Patricia Hance-Mobley, Information Operations Squadron.

Isabella Marie Hiller was born July 16 to Senior Airman Paul and Amanda Hiller, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Savannah Abigail Hansford was born July 30 to Master Sgt. Dewey Robert and Deserie Hansford, 16th Special Operations Wing. Boys

Brantley Hayden Bosarge was

born July 18 to Airman Jared and Diana Bosarge, 16th Security Forces Squadron.

William Michael Zion was born July 27 to Capt. Eric and Jennifer Zion, 4th Special Operations Squadron.



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CES wins championship

The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron blocking powerhouse denies the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron the intramural volleyball championship title in the first two matches Wednesday night.



Airmen from the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, deny another score attempt by the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron in Wednesday's intramural volleyball championship.



The 16th CES team captain, attempts a solo block against a 16th LRS player, but fails to keep the ball from dropping down. A constant battle of height and accuracy raged throughout the championship's two games, as both teams put up their best spikers and blockers.



A 16th CES Airman rises above the net in time for the block. Although the 16th LRS team played well, the 16th CES team won the first match, 28-26, and the final match, 18-16.

In the bleachers

Varsity soccer

Hurlburt Varsity Soccer will start practicing at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday on the Aderholf Fitness Center soccer field. The season runs from September to April and includes an end-of-season tournament. Interested individuals should show up ready to play, or call 1st Lt. Ryan Archambault at 884-4359 or Shawn Robinson at 586-3133.

OSS golf tournament

The 16th Operations Support Squadron will hold a four-man best ball golf tournament Aug. 19 at the Gator Lakes Golf Course. There will be a shotgun the coff at 8 a.m. Pre-register teams no later than Aug. 18 for \$40 per person, with lunch included, or register the day of the tournament for \$45 per person. To pre-register, call Senior Airman Stephen Moneer or Staff Sgt. Barry Lott at 884-7423.

Referees needed

The West Florida Officials Association is seeking ref-erees for intramural, over 30 and youth games this upcom-ing year and experienced officials for middle and high school games in the local area. For more information, call Roy Spencer at 581-4587.

Free race

The High 5 Poker Race will be held Aug. 20 at the Commando Fitness Center. Check-in time for the free event is 6:30 a.m. The race begins at 7 a.m. The male/female age categories are: 15-25; 26-35; 36-45; 46 and

up.

Awards will be presented for first, second and third in each age category, male and female overall, and master male and female overall. Participants with one of the top 10 poker hands will receive a prize.

The registration deadline is noon Aug. 19 at the Commando Fitness Center. For more information, call 884-4412.

Roller hockey
Teams are playing older hockey every Thursday and
Sunday at 6 p.m. at the main rink next to the tennis courts.
They're looking for more participation to get an intramural league started. For more information, call John Hauser
at 884-0440.

Tennis club

The Hurlburt Field Tennis Club meets 5 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the tennis courts beside the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School. The tennis club is an

Force special Operations School. The tennis cut is an informal group of people interested in playing tennis and requires one can of new tennis balls to join.

The play will consist of eight-game pro sets with no add scoring. All players will move up or down and switch partners. The club is open to all Hurlburt Field personnel. For more information, e-mail Vicki Helton at vicki.helton @hurlburt.af.mil.

Coaches needed

Youth sports is seeking volunteers interested in coaching youth soccer and flag football. Openings are available for all age groups (5-13 for soccer, 6-14 for flag football), Stop by the youth center for a packet or for more information, call 884-6355.

Upcoming sports
Intramural horseshoes is now forming squadron teams to begin the season in September. Contact your squadron sports representative to sign up. Intramural flag football will be forming teams soon with a late September tentative start date. For more information about sporting activities, call Jim Harriot at 884-6949.

Youth sports

Youth sports
Soccer and flag botball practice begins Aug. 22.
Games will be played Sept. 17 through Nov. 29. Cost is \$45 per player or \$90 for two or more players in the same family. Soccer players must be ages 5-14 as of Aug. 31.
Flag football players must be ages 7-15 as of Aug. 31.
Games will be played at the Fort Walton Beach YMCA.
Flag football evaluations will be conducted Monday on Field 4 at the Community Park by age groups: ages 7-8 at 5:30 pm.; ages 9-10 at 6 pm.; ages 11-15 at 6:15 pm.
All youth participating in the youth sports program must have an annual physical examination, and provide a copy of their birth certificate or military identification card. For more information, call 884-6355.

Rundbw season

Rugby season

The Okaloosa Rugby Football Club is looking for new players at all levels of experience for the spring and summer seasons. For more information, call J.C. at 882-1858 or e-mail john.colletta@eglin.af.mil.

Basketball coach needed

The Aderholt Fitness Center is now accepting résumés for men's varsity basketball coach. Résumés should include all previous coaching experience and results and will be accepted through today.

Fitness classes

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The Riptide and Aderholt Fitness Centers host many classes to fit your fitness goals; they include: Body Sculpt, Yoga, Step. Spinning (cycle), Cardio Sculpt, and Pilates. Call the Riptide Fitness Center at 881-5121 or the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884 for the time, day and location of

Golf tournament

A two-man best ball golf tournament will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Gator Lakes Golf Course. The tournament will have a shotgun start.